

Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant Program, 2013-14

The American Center of the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka is pleased to announce the competition for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program for 2013-14. The primary focus of the FLTA program is to strengthen foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities and some high schools while providing teachers of English with the opportunity to refine their skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the United States.

FLTA fellows from Bangladesh will predominantly teach Bangla language classes to American students. The fellows and the students will have a unique opportunity to learn about each other's cultures and customs and to build mutual understanding between the U.S. and Bangladesh. Fellows may teach up to two classes per semester and are required to enroll in at least two courses per semester, one of which must be in U.S. studies. The remaining course work must relate to their careers in English language teaching. They will also interact with the host community in conversation groups, extracurricular activities and community outreach projects. It is a nine-month, non-degree program that is non-renewable in nature.

Interested candidates must be teachers of English or in training to become teachers of English either at the secondary (ninth to twelve grade teachers) or university level. They should possess a master's degree or a four-year bachelor's degree in English by August of 2011. Applicants must be between 23-29 years of age and have fluency in English. They should be residing in their home country throughout the nomination and selection process. The fellows are required to return to their home country upon completion of the nine-month program. Please note that family members are not allowed to accompany fellows during this program.

An on-line application for the FLTA program is available at <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/flta/>. Detailed instructions on how to fill out the on-line application form and the link to the online application site are available at http://dhaka.usembassy.gov/programs_for_undergrad_grad_students.html. The online application submission deadline is **Sunday, August 12, 2012**. In order to qualify, applicants will need to have a minimum score of 92-93 IBT, or 7.0 IELTS. **All prospective candidates will need to take the TOFEL or the IELTS tests in advance.**

Following is the list of supplemental documents that prospective candidates need to submit with the online Application by **Sunday, August 12, 2012**. **Please note that all documents need to be submitted online and hard copies are not required.**

1. Three Letters of reference
2. Attested copies of Academic Transcripts for both Bachelors and Masters
3. Attested copies of Certificates for both Bachelors and Masters
4. Personal Information Form (available on-line)
5. TOFEL/ IELTS Score

After the preliminary review, selected candidates will be called in to sit for a spoken and written test in Bangla. Short-listed candidates will be called for an interview, and final nominations will be made based upon the interview. Candidates will be notified of the final selection news around March of 2013.

The FLTA program will begin in August of 2013. Selected FLTA fellows will be required to attend an orientation during the summer before arriving at their host institution. They will also need to attend a mid-year enrichment workshop in the U.S. to share and discuss foreign language teaching best practices and their current teaching experiences with other FLTA fellows.

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